IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re <i>P</i>	Application of:)	
		:	Examiner: T. Boykin
TAKASHI KENMOKU ET AL.)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 1711
Application No.: 10/581,698)	
		:	Confirmation No. 6953
Int'l Application No. PCT/JP2005/010999)	
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Filed: June 9, 2005)	
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For:	POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE)	
	HAVING VINYL GROUP, ESTER	:	
	GROUP, CARBOXYL GROUP,)	
	AND SULFONIC GROUP, AND	:	
	METHOD OF PRODUCING)	
	THE SAME	:	July 10, 2007

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. <u>Introductory Comments</u>

Prior to conducting the examination on the merits, please amend the abovecaptioned application as follows.